

## FAMINE FACED IN STATIONERY LINE

Local Dealers Say Shortage is Impending in Inks, Library Pastes and Other Supplies.

### EUROPEAN CONFLICT IS CAUSE

Death is Also Felt in Crepe Paper, Carbon Paper and Typewriter Ribbons and Prices Advance.

Rock Island dealers in carbon paper, typewriter ribbons, crepe paper, inks and other stationery in which enter red and green dye, fear they are unable to curb the famine which local users of these articles are facing.

While dealers in many cities are now unable to secure these products, local merchants who handle them have thus far been fortunate enough in having their orders cared for, although the prices have advanced. However, they would not be surprised if in the future the scarcity would increase, as the supply of dye in this country is rapidly being consumed.

The situation is a direct result of the European war. Importations from Germany having long since ceased. The dye used since the conflict opened has been that which was already imported into the United States.

"All colors of inks have advanced in prices. It is now impossible to get quart bottles of writing fluid," a local dealer said. "The manufacturers are producing only the smaller bottles and are trying to hold in check the consumption as much as possible. Nutgall, which is used in the manufacture of ink, is not being imported because of the war and this results in the present shortage."

### Scarcity of Pencils.

"Indelible and drawing pencils are not being imported from Austria. There is now held up by England between \$200,000 and \$300,000 worth of pencils which were consigned to importers in the United States. We are getting indelible pencils only a gross at a time ourselves where formerly we sold them a gross to a customer. We can't do it now. The price has doubled."

"In drawing pencils we are able to

supply the demand with American manufactured kind. These pencils are just as good as those imported from Austria. The only difference is that they have not 'Made in Austria' stamp on them.

"Prices in library pastes have increased also. While there is no great shortage at present, there is a sufficient lack of supply to increase the cost. Dextrin used in the making of these finer pastes, is not being imported."

"As yet we have not found great trouble in getting carbon papers, typewriter ribbons, crepe paper and other stationery in which dyes are used, although we fear that eventually the shortage will grow. Manufacturers, who use dyes have bought up the entire supply in this country and there is no more being sent in from Germany."

### New American Concern.

"There is nothing alarming in the situation at present, but it is well that the public should know the conditions, as it will be able to better understand in the future should American manufacturers be unable to secure any relief."

Manufacturers have adopted every expedient to tide over the shortages until a concern recently established in New York can take care of the stationers' trade. This company, organized for \$1,000,000, is said to be taking care of the dye stuff demand among manufacturers of fabrics, but stationers' supply houses are only getting such relief as comes from buying up all the available importations.

Deaths of chemists in the United States is said by some to be the cause of the famine resulting from the European war.

### ON COUNTY RECORDS

#### Warranty Deeds.

John G. Scheuermann et ux to Joseph Campbell, north 17 1/2 feet lot 5, block 2, J. G. Scheuermann's fifth addition, Rock Island, \$200.

Frank A. Swanson to Axel A. Carlson and wife, lot 13, block 2, C. G. Thulius addition, East Moline, \$1.

August De Keyser to Julius and Cesarine Carton, part lot 4, Sues subdivision of O. L. 15 in N. W. 1/4 Sec. 5-17-1w, \$1.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## TO OIL HIGHWAYS OUT FROM ALEDO

Retail Merchants' Association Appoints Committee to Have Charge of Work for Year.

### CITY SOON TO GIVE SOME AID

Forty-seventh Annual Session of Svea Mutual Protective Insurance Company Friday.

(Special to The Argus.)

Aledo, Ill., Jan. 19.—At a meeting of the Aledo Merchants' Retail association the matter of oiling the streets between ends of pavements and all six highways leading into the city was considered and President Detwiler appointed the following committee: S. R. Amstrong, L. C. Newton and Fred B. Blazer, to take charge of the work for 1916. All the merchants agree that oiling is the best suited to the needs of Aledo. It was announced that the city of Aledo next spring would be in financial position to lend some assistance toward the movement within the city.

The board of county supervisors is practically a unit as to the efficiency of oil and supervisors J. A. Wells and E. J. Glancey were appointed to go before the state highway commission at Springfield to prevail on that body to permit \$90.85 state aid to be spent in oiling Mercer county roads. Supervisors Wells and Glancey have not decided when they will go to Springfield. They would like to organize a delegation from the adjoining counties to meet the state commission believing greater numbers would have greater force toward the end sought.

### Local College Team Wins.

The second basketball game of the season for the William and Vashti college was played Monday evening at the gymnasium in this city with the Iowa All Stars from Dodge City, Iowa, who have been touring Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. The game resulted in a victory for William and Vashti with a score of 37 to 27.

### Svea Mutual Convention.

The Svea Mutual Protective Insurance company which is chartered to transact business in Mercer, Henry and Knox counties, will meet in 47th annual session in Aledo next Friday. The convention will be held in the Aledo opera house and will be called to order at 10 a. m. There will be election of officers and discussions of proposed amendments to the bylaws. The meeting will take the form of a big demonstration with a view of extending the business of the company in this territory. Two hundred policy holders are expected to be present. A. M. Runhom, the Mercer county representative of the Svea Mutual, is in charge of the local arrangements to receive the visitors. He has made arrangements for dinner for 200 at the hotels and restaurants. A committee representing the Aledo Retail Merchants' association will receive the visitors at the train and at the opera house the delegates will be welcomed by Mayor Charles W. Detwiler. A special train bringing the visitors is scheduled to leave Galesburg at 7:30 a. m. and will arrive in Aledo at 10 o'clock, making stops at various stations on the way, and will leave on the return trip at 3 p. m.

### Fair Committee to Meet.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Mercer County Agricultural society will be held at the court house in Aledo at 1 o'clock p. m. tonight for the purpose of revising the premium list for the 1916 fair and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. All persons interested in the 1916 fair are invited to be present.

John Slarcvich, an Austrian, who came to this country last year and Karl Gunner Karlson of North Henderson, who came to this country from Sweden in 1910, have made application for citizenship with Circuit Clerk Samuel A. Nelson. Both applications will be heard at the April term of circuit court.

### LORADO TAFT IS TO GIVE LECTURE HERE

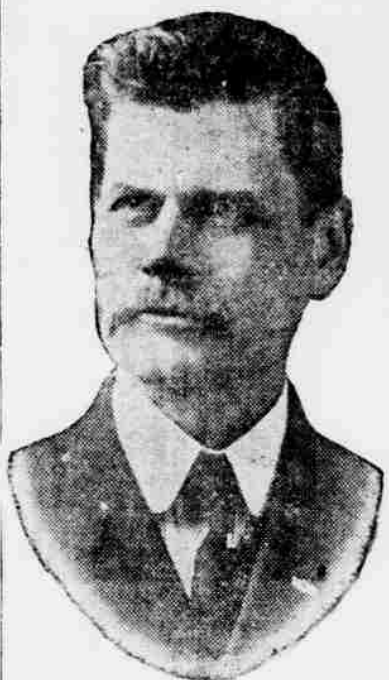
On Friday evening of this week one of the most intensely interesting numbers on the Augustana Lyceum will be presented, Lorado Taft, perhaps the most talented sculptor in America, occupying the platform. Mr. Taft comes highly recommended by the thousands of lyceum patrons who have greeted him with applause, and it was at an unusual cost that the local management procured him. With his original line of discourse, his fascinating stage presence, and his wonderful ability in his art he has never failed to win the appreciation of his many audiences, and lyceum lovers have not failed to recognize his capacity as a lecturer of the first water. Mr. Taft is to entertain with his "Lecture in Clay," and his main feature will be the modeling in clay which he performs in view of the people.

### SILVIS BOARD WILL MEET IN TWO WEEKS

No quorum was present at the meeting of the Silvis village board last evening, the president and one of the members being out of the city. As result no business was transacted. A special meeting will be called within the next two weeks to dispose of matters scheduled to come up last night. Report of the committee recently instructed to look into the matter of issuing bonds for a new municipal building next summer, is expected to report then.

Peoria, Ill.—City Health Commissioner Hasson, who died suddenly Sunday, will be buried at Lewiston, Ill., Wednesday.

## SELECTED HEAD OF CLUB OF BOOSTERS



Charles Guldenzopf.

Mr. Guldenzopf was named as president of the Southwest Improvement association at a recent meeting of the organization, which has for its purpose the securing of modern conveniences and advantages for the newly annexed territory.

Other officers are: Vice President—M. Bollman. Secretary-treasurer—C. C. Wilson.

## SUB CHASERS ARE PROVING SUCCESS

London, Jan. 3.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—"Motor submarine chasers" shippers to Archangel are described in Yachting. They are designed for use in all weathers. They are of the V bottom type, with floors flattened out aft, like a giant monoplane, 60 feet long, 10 feet beam and have a draft of 2 feet 10 inches. Three eight-cylinder motors of 175 horse power each guarantee a speed of 26 miles per hour with a radius at top speed of 300 on one filling of the tanks. Each of the 18 boats already built, however, have done from 25 to 30.3 miles per hour.

Fuel is carried in four 270-gallon tanks placed just aft of the engine room giving a total capacity of 1,080 gallons and at a speed of 26 miles per hour this gives a radius of from 500 to 600 miles.

The boats are flush decked with a small steering shelter just forward amidships, the hulls are subdivided by four steel watertight bulkheads, there is accommodation for two officers, a chart table, etc. They are steered by two rudders connected with a perpendicular wheel in the steering shelter.

Much business can be done in Brazil, but some capital must be risked. The congress of Ecuador has granted a concession for a steamship line between Guayaquil, Ecuador and Philadelphia. The vessels of the company are to navigate under the Ecuadorian flag, and at least one-half of the employees are to be natives of Ecuador. It is stipulated that the steamships must begin running within one and one-half years after the signing of the contract.

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30.00 Wool Seal Set for Three Days ..... 15.00

25.00 Black Opossum Set, if bought during next three days ..... 12.50

12.50 Brown Opossum Set, if bought during next three days ..... 6.25

25.00 Brown Opossum Set, if bought during next three days ..... 12.50

15.00 Austrian Opossum Set, if bought during next three days ..... 7.50

37.50 Natural Zibbitt Set, if bought during next three days ..... 18.75

32.50 Imitation Pointed Fox Set, if bought during next three days ..... 16.25

White Furs, if bought during next three days, 1/2 Price.  
Any Fur Coat in our stock during next three days, 1/2 Price.

Furs are surely established as staple merchandise.

Furs purchased this year will be just as good next year.

It means some bother and trouble to carry furs over from season to season, and as every merchant has to do it, it becomes a fixed charge on each Fur piece.

Now we're going to cut off this fixed charge and with an extra price reduction, make every Fur piece in our stock a most desirable purchase.



25.00 Imitation Pointed Fox Set, if bought during next three days ..... 12.50

50.00 Skunk Raccoon Set, if bought during next three days ..... 25.00

22.50 Black French Coney Set, if bought during next three days ..... 11.25

30.00 Mole Coney Set, if bought during next three days ..... 15.00

30.00 Natural Lynx Set, if bought during next three days ..... 15.00

30.00 Electric Seal Set, if bought during next three days ..... 15.00

25.00 French Seal Set, if bought during next three days ..... 12.00

Few Children's Sets Reduced in some cases to 1/2 Price, others 1/4 Off.  
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## This Fur Sale Begins at 9 O'clock Tomorrow Morning--Closes Saturday Night

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## PLAY CHOSEN BY MOLINE SENIORS

Class of 1916 Selects "Green Stockings" as Vehicle for Annual Play—Should Prove Clever Comedy.

"The Green Stockings" has been selected by the class of 1916 as vehicle for the annual Moline high school senior play, which will be staged in the school auditorium the evening of April 6. The decision was reached at a called meeting of the class after the number under consideration had been sifted down to two—"The Green Stockings" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," by the class play committee. The class choice is a comedy, plot of which hinges upon mistaken identities which bring about a number of humorous complications and some serious results. Production has been witnessed in eastern theaters for some time and has been secured here only by payment of a considerable royalty. Try-outs for the 12 parts will be held immediately after selection of a coach, which is scheduled to be made first of next week. Cast will be picked by Feb. 15 and work of drilling the participants will commence.

Bids for the Senior Fellowship of Moline high school—all members of the class of 1916—are planning to present a minstrel performance in the school auditorium Feb. 5. Tickets will be placed on sale the first of the week by the committee. Between thirty-five and forty will appear in the cast. Work of coaching those participating is in progress, under direction of two coaches. A number of new song hits are to be introduced.

### Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received at 10 a. m., Feb. 1, 1916, for brick paving on Twelfth street. All bids must be accompanied by cash or certified check in amount of 10 per cent of bid.

WILLIAM MCCONOCHIE, Mayor.

Mount Vernon, Ill.—Colonel James H. Piper is dead from injuries received when he attempted to board a passenger train and fell under it. He was going to the funeral of a nephew. Cleatus Payne, who died from being accidentally poisoned.

## War upon Pain!

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered.

Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away instantly. It is really wonderful.

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## Is Life Worth Living?

It Depends Upon the Liver.

Wrong living is the cause of most physical ills and generally stomach and liver are first to suffer.

Coffee drinking is a very common cause of digestive disorder, but it usually takes the user some time to fully realize it. Fact is—some people drink coffee with seeming impunity, but when disturbances of the digestive organs result in headache, biliousness, irritability and other common symptoms of caffeine poisoning it's time for the coffee drinker to look to his morning beverage for the true cause.

For any coffee drinker who finds that his health is wrong, but don't know just why, it's a good idea to quit the coffee and use

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There are two forms of Postum. The original Postum Cereal must be boiled; Instant Postum is soluble in boiling water and can be made in the cup at table. Both kinds are equally delicious and the cost per cup is about the same.

A change from coffee to Postum is a good move toward right living.

## "There's a Reason"

Send a 2-cent stamp to Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., at Battle Creek, Mich., for a 5-cup sample of Instant Postum.